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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 6-10 as follows:

6. (New) A field-effect semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor layer of a first conductivity type, wherein said semiconductor layer comprises a buffer layer of a first doping concentration and a second layer of a second doping concentration, wherein said first doping concentration is higher than said second doping concentration;

a collector region of a second conductivity type formed beneath said semiconductor layer and equipped with a collector electrode on its lower surface;

a base region of the second conductivity type formed as part of the upper surface of said semiconductor layer;

